

AMENDMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 80 of the specification with the following paragraph:

[0080] Referring to Figure 10, an alternative embodiment of the invention comprises an asymmetrical balloon **4**. The balloon, when inflated, has a groove **32** disposed longitudinally on its outer surface. The inflated balloon does not completely fill the region of the lumen of the esophagus defined by the groove **32**, does not restrict movement of the wall of the esophagus **9** (allowing swallowing), and does not restrict movement of fluids within the lumen of the esophagus **10**.

Please replace drawings sheet 10/13 (Figure 10) with the following sheet, marked "Replacement Sheet".